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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. Applicants are not submitting a duplicate copy of Fujioka, ACTA Hepatol. Jpn., 34(12): 940-949 (1993), as it is of record in the Parent Application No. 10/727,576, but requests that it be listed on the face of any patent granted on the above application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d)).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003. Applicants are not submitting a duplicate copy of Fujioka, ACTA Hepatol. Jpn., 34(12): 940-949 (1993), Zhi-Xin, Zhongguo Zhongliu Lichung, pgs. 243-246, (1996), Understanding the GEM Solution: Building a GEM Library, www.syenti.com/gemsol1.htm (1997), Understanding the GEM Solution: Building a GEM Library, www.syenti.com/gemsol2.htm (1997), Understanding the GEM Solution: Building a GEM Library, www.syenti.com/gemsol3.htm (1997), Sample GEM

Data, www.synteni.com/sample.htm (1997), or Stratagene Catalog, page 39 (1998) as they are of record in related Patent No. 6,720,138, but requests that it be listed on the face of any patent granted on the above application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d)).

Further, Applicants submit that U.S. Publication Nos. US 2004/0014059, US 2004/0241726, US 2004/0241727, US 2004/0241728, US 2004/0241729, US 2004/0248169, US 2004/0248170, US 2004/0265868, US 2004/0265869, US 2005/0003394, and US 2005/0042630 are related to WO 00/40749.

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